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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 August 2004.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-40 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-40 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 6/17/04.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-40 are presented for examination.
2. Claim 31-40 are objected to for a exist typo [i.e., "aand" should be "and" on line 3]. Correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-9, 11-19, 21-29 and 31-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Law et al. (US 6,330,602).
5. Law is a prior art reference cited by applicant on 1449 form, dated to 6/17/04.

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6. As per claim 1, Law teaches the invention as claimed including a machine implemented method, comprising of providing sending a Web page resident on a customer Web server to a requesting user, said the Web page including static content represented by an embedded URL [Fig. 1; col. 1, lines 16-22 & 32-45; col. 7, lines 7-21]; and wherein the static content is served by a plurality of Web caches [92, Fig. 9] within a POP server network [col. 8, lines 24-38].

7. As per claim 2, Law teaches the step of determining traffic loads of a plurality of customer Web servers using a probe server; selecting the customer Web server from the plurality of customer Web servers using a DNS server, the customer Web server having a traffic load more appropriate for a user request 5than traffic loads of other customer Web servers in the plurality of customer Web servers; and sending the user request for the Web page to the customer web server [44, 48, Fig. 4; 90, Fig. 9; col. 6, lines 29-35; col. 8, lines 9-13 & 24-51].

8. As per claims 3-4, Law teaches the traffic loads including latency measurements between the probe server and the plurality of customer Web servers, and measuring traffic loads at predetermined intervals [col. 5, lines 30-35; col. 11, lines 8-19].

9. As per claim 5, Law teaches the step of determining service metrics of the plurality of Web caches using a probe server; selecting a Web cache from the

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plurality of Web caches using a DNS server, the Web cache having service metrics more appropriate for a user request from the Web page than service metrics of other Web caches in the plurality of Web caches [col. 8, lines 24-29]; sending the user request for the static content to the Web cache; and wherein the Web cache sends the static content to the requesting user [col. 8, lines 29-38].

10. As per claims 6 and 7, Law teaches the service metrics including metrics selected from HTTP response time, FTP response time, CPU load, memory load and the determining service metrics step performed at predetermined intervals [col. 5, lines 34-35].

11. As per claims 8 and 9, Law teaches the step of determining whether the requested static content is resident on the Web cache; determining a customer Web server that has the requested static content when the requested static content is not resident on the Web cache; wherein the Web cache retrieves the requested static content from the customer Web server; and storing the requested static content from the customer Web server on the Web cache [col. 8, lines 14-23].

12. As per claims 11-19, since they are method claims of claims 1-9, they are rejected for the same basis as claims 1-9 above.

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13. As per claims 21-29, since they are apparatus claims of claims 1-9, they are rejected for the same basis as claims 1-9 above.

14. As per claims 31-39, since they disclose the same steps as claims 1-9 which performed for different contents [i.e., static and dynamic], they are rejected for the same basis as claims 1-9 above.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

15. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

16. Claims 10, 20, 30 and 40 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Law et al. (US 6,330,602) as applied to claims 1-9, 11-19, 21-29 and 31-39 above.

17. As per claims 10, 20, 30 and 40, Law teaches the invention substantially as claimed in claim 1. Law does not specifically teach the network of POP servers comprising more than one DNS server. However, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include more than one DNS server in Law's system because doing so would

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make the system more reliable. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to modify Law 's system for increasing the reliability of the system.

Conclusion

18. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

McCanne et al. (US 6,415,323) and Kosaka (US 2001/0056486) disclose load balancing system.

19. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jinsong Hu whose telephone number is (571) 272-3965. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John A. Follansbee can be reached on (571) 272-3964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

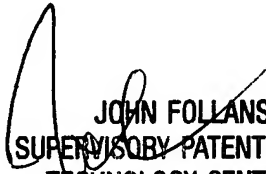
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